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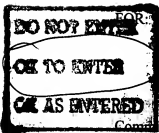
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"Gas Fired Outdoor Cooking Apparatus"

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, which are believed to be needed for removal of antecedent basis issues regarding four of the claims and which require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite the claims to read as follows (a marked-up version of the amended claims is included in Appendix A).

1.(Amended) A cooking apparatus, comprising:

- a) a burner having a frame that includes a base for engaging an underlying support surface, the frame having a burner element for generating a high intensity flame for

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